

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LOUREN 00166 120859Z

51

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00

FMC-01 INR-07 NSAE-00 CG-00 COA-01 DLOS-03 INT-05

AID-05 FRB-03 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03 SP-02 CIEP-01

LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15 STR-01 CEA-01 /075 W

----- 120904

R 120820Z FEB 75

FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3256

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL SURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LOURENCO MARQUES 166

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELTN, ETRD, SF, MZ

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE RAILROAD AND PORT BOTTLENECKS: US CHROME
SUPPLY PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 28607

ENG. NUNO VALENTE, MOZAMBIQUE PORTS AND RAILWAYS ADMINIS-
TRATION (CFM) DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF LOURENCO MARQUES MINERAL
ORE WHARF, GAVE US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT REGARDING CHROME SUPPLY
PROBLEM:

1. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 15 SHIPS WAITING IN HARBOR TO LOAD
90,000 TONS OF CHROME. AVERAGE WAITING PERIOD IS OVER 30 DAYS.

2. AS FAR AS LOURENCO MARQUES IS CONCERNED, CFM HAS SOLVED
PERSONNEL PROBLEMS AND THERE ARE NOW NO BOTTLENECKS, EITHER
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LOUREN 00166 120859Z

IN CFM RAILROAD OR IN MINERAL WHARF, PREVENTING OR DELAYING

SHIPMENTS OF CHROME. THERE IS NO CHROME WAITING TO BE LOADED IN LOURENCO MARQUES. WHATEVER BOTTLENECKS EXIST ARE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

3. VALENTE MET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN RAILROAD (SAR) OFFICIALS, INCLUDING LOUBSER, ON FEBRUARY 10. HE TOLD THEM CFM PREPARED TO HANDLE CERTAIN QUOTA OF CHROME PER DAY (VALENTE WOULD NOT DIVULGE QUOTA BUT SAID IT WAS SUFFICIENT TO CLEAR UP BACKLOGS). HE SUGGESTED SAR SEND CARS WITH SPECIFIC QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF CHROME FOR VESSELS BY PRIORITY BF DATE OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN PORT. SAR OFFICIALS TOLD HIM THEY WOULD DISCUSS PROBLEM AGAIN WITH SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORTERS BUT WERE NON-COMMITTAL.

4. COMMENT: ASSUMING VALENTE'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, IT APPEARS THAT IN SHORT-RUN CHROME SUPPLY SITUATION CAN ONLY BE IMPROVED IF SAR GRANTS HIGHER PRIORITY TO CHROME SHIPMENTS TO LOURENCO MARQUES.
WALKER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PORT CONGESTION, MARINE CARGO, CHROMIUM, RAIL SHIPMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LOUREN00166
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750050-1055
From: LOURENCO MARQUES
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750250/aaaabtbs.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 28607
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 AUG 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <15 DEC 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MOZAMBIQUE RAILROAD AND PORT BOTTLENECKS: US CHROME SUPPLY PROBLEMS
TAGS: ELTN, ETRD, SF, MZ
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006